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SUBJECT: 59TH ECOSOC: ITEM 13- ORGANIZATION OF WORK, 7TH SPECIAL
SESSION PREPARATIONS

1. PRESIDENT AKHUND (PAKISTAN) CALLED INFORMAL WORKING GROUP CONSISTING OF THE CHAIRMAN OF REGIONAL GROUPS, THE ECOSOC BUREAU, THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION GA PREP COM BUREAU, AND THE US TO DISCUSS ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND, IN PARTICULAR, CONTINUING PREPARATIONS FOR 7TH SS.
 2. AGREEMENT SEEMED TO EMERGE THAT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN THE MODE OF THE NY PROCEEDINGS WOULD CONTINUE AND THAT THE FORMAL CONSIDERATION UNDER THE AGENDA ITEM OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WOULD BE DEVOTED TO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS.
 3. THE G-77 ANNOUNCED, THROUGH THE MEXICAN CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP IN NY, THAT THE GROUP OF 27 HAD AUTHORIZED A GROUP OF 15 (THOSE MEMBERS OF THE G-27 CURRENTLY MEMBERS OF ECOSOC) TO CONTINUE THE PREF COM WORK STARTED IN NY. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE MEXICAN CHAIRMAN OF THE G-15 REPORTED THAT THE G-15 WAS IN THE PROCESS OF REVISING CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER 1 IN LIGHT OF THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK.
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PAPER EXPECTED TO BE READY BY FRIDAY, JULY 4.

4. DISCUSSION IN THE GROUP INDICATED SEVERE DIVISION WITHIN THE G-77 BETWEEN THE NY 77ERS AND THE GENEVA 77ERS. THE GENEVA REFS OF MEMBERS OF THE G-77 IVORY COAST AND ARGENTINA WERE PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF THE G-27 FOR ARROGATING ONTO ITSELF POWER TO SPEAK FOR ENTIRE G-77. AKHUND CUT OFF FURTHER DISCUSSION BY INDICATING THAT A MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED

PRIVAELY WITH G-77 TO RESOLVE MATTER.

5, A SIMILAR DISARRAY SURFACED AMONG THE WESTERN GROUP WITH COMPETING CLAIMS OF LEADERSHIP BY THE SPANISH (CHAIRMAN WEO GROUP), AUSTRALIANS (GROUP B COUNTRIES IN GENEVA), AND DUTCH WHO PUSHING FOR OECD GROUPING.

6. COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED PRIVATELY (AND PARTICULARLY BY PRESIDENT AKHUND) THAT ALL SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS SHOULD BE READY FOR DISCUSSION BY JULY 21. IN PARTICULARL, HE AND OTHER MEMBERS HAVE REPEATEDLY INFORMED US, AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED FROM NY, THAT SUBSTANTIVE INITIATIVES WHICH ARE EXPOSED FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING THE COURSE OF THE 7TH SS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. IT IS OUR OPINION THAT G-77 WANTS EVERYTHING OF SUBSTANCE "ON THE TABLE" PRIOR TO NA FOREIGN MINS MEETING IN LIMA. IN VIEW OF USG EXPERIENCE IN 6TH SS, WE URGE DEPT GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION TO THIS ISSUE. DALE

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